



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate the 2021 (Coronavirus Pandemic) COVID-19 Emergency Funding Support: Continuum of Care (CoC)/Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care Grant through the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA)

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 Emergency Funding Support provides state funds to support the Continuum of Care's (CoC) in an effort to maintain the operational and critical service delivery of the Continuum of Care (CoC) housing initiatives during the challenges of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). The grant award will fund the regional body known as the Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Consortium (GVPHC)/VA505, which serves the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Williamsburg and Poquoson and the counties of York and James City. This grant will help support the unforeseen operational expenses due to COVID-19.

Discussion:

The grant funds will help support the GVPHC region by providing funding to ensure service delivery can continue safely and in compliance with the State of Virginia health mandates. The funds will assist with personnel cost with two participating organizations, Williamsburg House of Mercy and Menchville House. As well as operational expenses throughout the GVPHC. The Hampton Department of Human Services - Social Services serves as the lead agency.

Impact:

The City has been awarded \$75,000 in State grant funds with no local match required. This is the first year this grant has been awarded.

Recommendation:

Approve.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) has awarded the City of Hampton Virginia ("the City") a 2021 (Coronavirus Pandemic) COVID-19 Emergency Funding Support Continuum of Care (CoC)/Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care Grant in the amount of \$75,000 in State funding;

WHEREAS, the (Coronavirus Pandemic) COVID-19 Emergency Funding Support Continuum of Care Grant award requires no local match;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Emergency Funding Support Continuum of Care award in the amount of \$75,000, will be used by the Department of Human Services - Social Services to assist in funding the personnel cost for two participating organizations, Williamsburg House of Mercy and Menchville House, and the operational expenses to support the housing initiatives during the COVID-19 crisis within the GVPHC region; and

WHEREAS, the grant award is for the period of June 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia hereby amends its Fiscal Year 2021 Council Approved Budget to accept and appropriate the COVID-19 Emergency Funding Support Continuum of Care Grant award in the amount of \$75,000 in State funds, and any supplemental funding, to the Grant Fund for the purpose of funding the personnel cost for two participating organizations and the operating expenses for critical service delivery to support the housing initiatives during the COVID-19 crisis for the GVPHC region in accordance with the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take the necessary steps to implement this grant award.